

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of:

Kohshi YOSHIMURA et al.

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For: **PROCESS FOR FORMING METAL LAYER OF SURFACE OF RESIN MOLDED PRODUCT**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 15, 2002

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to a second aspect and feature of the present invention, in addition to the first feature, the fine metal powder producing material is brought into flowing contact with the surface of the resin molded product by applying a vibration and/or an agitation to the resin molded product and the fine metal powder producing material.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 10 are pending. The specification, on page 4, line 16, has been corrected to delete the inadvertently recited word "of", and claims 1-8 are canceled. A marked-up version showing the changes to the specification made by the present amendment is attached hereto as "Version with markings to show changes made."

The above-amendment are made to place the application in better condition for initial examination. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with markings to show changes made

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14, has been amended as follows:

According to a second aspect and feature of the present invention, in addition to the first feature, the fine metal powder producing material is brought into flowing contact [of] with the surface of the resin molded product by applying a vibration and/or an agitation to the resin molded product and the fine metal powder producing material.